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To reauthorize appropriations under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, to revise administrative provisions of the Act to improve the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to administer grant programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 1993

Mr. WISE (for himself, Mr. MINETA, Mr. SHUSTER, and Ms. MOLINARI) (all by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Economic Development
5 Administration Reauthorization Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.**

2 The Public Works and Economic Development Act of
3 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.), is revised to
4 provide authorization of appropriations for programs
5 under that Act as follows:

6 (1) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES
7 UNDER TITLE I.—Section 105 of the Act (42 U.S.C.
8 3135) is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 “There is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed
11 \$135,385,000 for purposes of this title for fiscal year
12 1994. The Secretary shall expend not less than 15 percent
13 nor more than 35 percent of all appropriations made avail-
14 able for these purposes in redevelopment areas designated
15 under section 401(a)(6) of this Act (42 U.S.C. 3161).”.

16 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, RESEARCH AND
17 INFORMATION UNDER TITLE III.—Section 303 of the
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 3152) is amended to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 “There is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed
21 \$35,690,000 for purposes of this title for fiscal year
22 1994.”.

23 (3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AU-
24 THORIZATION.—Section 403(g) of the Act (42
25 U.S.C. 3171(g)) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 403. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

2 “(g) Amounts otherwise authorized under this Act
3 shall be available for purposes of carrying out subsections
4 403(a)(3) and (a)(4) of this section.”.

5 (4) SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
6 ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE IX.—Sec-
7 tion 905 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 3245) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 905. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 “There is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed
11 \$52,075,000 for purposes of this title for fiscal year 1994.
12 Of this amount, \$33,000,000 shall be available for pur-
13 poses of assisting eligible recipients in activities related to
14 defense conversion.”.

15 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GRANT COLLECTION**
16 **PROCESS.**

17 (a) USE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLV-
18 ING FUND FOR THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF PROP-
19 ERTY ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH GRANT PRO-
20 GRAMS.—The first sentence of section 203 of the Public
21 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as
22 amended (42 U.S.C. 3143), is revised to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 203. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND.**

24 “Funds obtained by the Secretary under section 201,
25 loan funds obtained under section 403, and collections and
26 repayments received under this Act, shall be deposited in

1 an economic development revolving fund (hereunder re-
2 ferred to as the ‘fund’), which is hereby established in the
3 Treasury of the United States, and which shall be avail-
4 able to the Secretary for the purpose of extending financial
5 assistance under sections 201, 202, and 403, and for the
6 payment of all obligations and expenditures arising in con-
7 nection with assistance extended under this Act.”.

8 (b) POWERS OF THE SECRETARY TO DEAL WITH
9 GRANT PROPERTY.—Section 701 of the Public Works and
10 Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42
11 U.S.C. 3211) is revised by amending paragraphs (4) and
12 (6) through (9) as follows:

13 (1) Paragraph (4) is amended to read as fol-
14 lows:

15 “(4) under regulations prescribed by him, as-
16 sign or sell at public or private sale, or otherwise
17 dispose of for cash or credit, in his discretion and
18 upon such terms and conditions and for such consid-
19 eration as he shall determine to be reasonable, any
20 evidence of debt, contract, claim, personal property,
21 or security assigned to or held by him in connection
22 with loans and grants made or evidences of indebt-
23 edness purchased under this Act, and collect or com-
24 promise all obligations assigned to or held by him in
25 connection with such loans and grants or evidences

1 of indebtedness until such time as such obligations
2 may be referred to the Attorney General for suit or
3 collection;”;

4 (2) Paragraphs (6) through (9) are amended to
5 read:

6 “(6) deal with, complete, renovate, improve,
7 modernize, insure, rent, or sell for cash or credit,
8 upon such terms and conditions and for such consid-
9 eration as he shall determine to be reasonable, any
10 real or personal property conveyed to, or otherwise
11 acquired by him in connection with loans and grants
12 made or evidences of indebtedness purchased under
13 this Act;

14 “(7) pursue to final collection by way of com-
15 promise or other administrative action prior to ref-
16 erence to the Attorney General, all claims against
17 third parties assigned to him in connection with
18 loans and grants made and evidences of indebted-
19 ness purchased under this Act. This shall include
20 authority to obtain deficiency judgments or other-
21 wise in the case of mortgages assigned to the Sec-
22 retary. Section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as
23 amended (41 U.S.C. 5) shall not apply to any con-
24 tract of hazard insurance or to any purchase or con-
25 tract for services or supplies on account of property

1 obtained by the Secretary as a result of loans and
2 grants made or evidences of indebtedness purchased
3 under this Act if the premium therefor or the
4 amount thereof does not exceed \$1,000. The power
5 to convey and to execute, in the name of the Sec-
6 retary, deeds of conveyance, deeds of release, assign-
7 ments and satisfactions of mortgages and any other
8 written instrument relating to real or personal prop-
9 erty or any interest therein acquired by the Sec-
10 retary pursuant to the provisions of this Act may be
11 exercised by the Secretary or by any officer or agent
12 appointed by him for that purpose without the exe-
13 cution of any express delegation of power or power
14 of attorney;

15 “(8) acquire, in any lawful manner, any prop-
16 erty (real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangi-
17 ble), whenever deemed necessary or appropriate to
18 the conduct of activities authorized in sections 101,
19 201, 202, 301, 302, 403, 503 and 903 of this Act;

20 “(9) in addition to any powers, functions, privi-
21 leges, and immunities otherwise vested in him, take
22 any and all actions, including the procurement of the
23 services of attorneys by contract, determined by him
24 to be necessary or desirable in making, purchasing,
25 servicing, compromising, modifying, liquidating, or

1 otherwise administratively dealing with or realizing
2 on loans and grants made or evidences of indebted-
3 ness purchased under this Act;”.

4 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF OTHER FUNDS.**

5 Section 708 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 3218) is amended
6 by adding a new subsection (d) at the end thereof to read
7 as follows:

8 “(d) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to ac-
9 cept the transfer of funds from other departments and
10 agencies of the Federal Government as he or she may
11 deem appropriate to carry out the objectives of this Act:
12 *Provided*, That such funds are used for the purposes and
13 under the terms for which they are specifically appro-
14 priated.”.

15 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall be effective on the date of enactment.

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